GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SAARC SUMMIT
BRAHMANAND MANDAL;S. AJAYA KUMAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the SAARC Summit was held in Kathmandu recently;

(b) If so, the issues and themes which were focussed upon;

(c) Whether any joint communique was issued at the conclusion of the Summit; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The SAARC Summit was held in Kathmandu from 4-6 January, 2002.

(b), (c) & (d) The Eleventh SAARC Summit adopted the Kathmandu Declaration as the final document. The main issues that were deliberated upon by member countries were Regional Cooperation on Economic and Trade Issues, Poverty Alleviation, Terrorism and people-to-people contacts. Two Conventions were also signed - Convention on Preventing and Combating the Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution; and Convention on Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia.